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Appeal Type: Dental	Appeal Category: TMJ Treatment
Case Number: 0200214	Appeal Decision: Overturned
Case Summary: Patient requesting coverage for Leforte Osteotomy (surgical repair to maxilla and mandible).	Reason for Decision: External review agency determined that a single jaw procedure would be unstable and would produce a nasorofacial deformity. Double jaw surgery would produce the required stability and balance in the jaw. This was the most appropriate level of service.

Appeal Type: Dental	Appeal Category: Facility Charges
Case Number: 0200494	Appeal Decision: Upheld
Case Summary: Patient requesting coverage for extensive oral surgery in a hospital setting.	Reason for Decision: External review agency determined that there does not appear to be anything unusual, difficult, or complex about the procedures to be performed. His Type II diabetes and hypocholesterolemia are well controlled with medication and there is no objective evidence of severe cardiopulmonary problems. This procedure can be done in an office setting under local anesthesia.

Appeal Type: Dental	Appeal Category: TMJ Treatment
Case Number: 0200502	Appeal Decision: Overturned
Case Summary: Patient requesting coverage for Leforte Maxillary Advancement to correct an under bite and relieve jaw pain.	Reason for Decision: External review agency determined that the degree of malocclusion would be defined as severely dysfunctional with only 4 posterior teeth in good opposition, ongoing TMJ symptomology and headaches, and an underlying congenital hypoplasia as the etiology. The surgical procedure is appropriate and medically necessary.